

## **Spring 2014 President's Message**

For AC-119 gunship squadron personnel and families, San Antonio's El Tropicano was the place to be for renewing old friendships and meeting new friends. Thanks to the hard work of Reunion XIV coordinator Jerry and Ellen Hester and their family, our 2013 reunion was successful and fun-filled.

This year, Reunion XV "Operation Legacy" will be held in Albuquerque, NM where our reunion was held in 2006. Again, "Mac" Mac Isaac is reunion coordinator. We can expect another great gathering at the MCM Elegante on September 17-21, 2014. The reunion will be unique in mixing with active duty personnel of our namesakes, the 71st SOS Shadows and the 73rd SOS Stingers and the rest of the 58th Special Operations Wing.

The future of our Association looms bright with a new Facebook page and future upgrades to our website and newsletter. Information and communication between members will be greatly enhanced through our IT (Information Technology) Team in the coming year.

It is an honor to serve as Association President for 2014. I look forward to working with the Board of Directors, Committees, and members in making our gunship association exemplary.

Larry Fletcher